

demned, as it seriously impairs the value of those books. All that the Committee can recommend at this late stage of the session, is that the Librarian be directed to make such exchanges of volumes with the publishers of the Maryland Chancery Decisions as will complete and perfect the sets of said books in the State Library, and in the hands of the publishers.

The condition of the State Library is, in the opinion of your Committee, very disorderly, resulting partly from a want of proper care and systematic arrangements, and partly from a want of room. They regret that at this late stage of the session, they are unable to recommend such legislation as would put the Library upon a proper footing of efficiency and accountability. It is perhaps the duty of the Committee to call the attention of the House to the fact that the State Library is at present in the hands of a person, who has never legally qualified or bonded for the discharge of the duties of Librarian, and who now simply holds the office and performs its duties by a possessory title, being wholly irresponsible to the State for the safety of its property in his hands.

The report of the State Librarian to the Committee of the Senate and House, is also presented and in the hands of the committee of the Senate, and accompanying statements of his accounts with Messrs. Cushings and Bailey of Baltimore, and Messrs. T. & J. W. Johnson, of Philadelphia.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. GOLDSBOROUGH, Chairman

Of the Committee on Library of the House of Delegates.

On motion of Mr. Partridge,

The bill entitled, an act to simplify and amend the law in relation to appeals;

Was read the second time;

The said bill was then read the third time, three fourths of the members concurring, and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker,	Scott,	Stack
Plowden,	Stubbs,	Kennedy,
Neff,	Miller,	Partridge,
Waters,	Bowie	Abbott
Wilson, of Cal.	Bowling,	Hugg,
Dowell,	Goldsborough,	Askew,
Stone,	Rolph,	Harrington,
Wright,	Parker,	Fiery,
Cullings,	Fimmons,	Witmer,
Heath,	Brengle,	Reichard,